

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. The Notice of Allowance in this application was mailed on May 12, 2005.

First, Applicant amends the specification to include a reference to the parent application, from which the present application claims the benefit, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2). M.P.E.P. § 201.11(III)(D) at 200-59 (8th ed., Rev. No. 2) states:

If an applicant includes a benefit claim in the application but not in the manner specified by 37 CFR 1.78(a) (e.g., if the claim is included in an oath or declaration or the application transmittal letter) within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a), the Office will not require a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t) to correct the claim if the information concerning the claim was recognized by the Office as shown by its inclusion on the filing receipt.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal that was filed with the Application on December 21, 2001 which indicates that the Application is a divisional of Application No. 09/065,492, filed April 24, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/765,623, filed December 27, 1996. In addition, a copy of the Filing Receipt, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") on January 23, 2002, which indicates that the domestic priority claim was recognized by the PTO, is also submitted herewith. Therefore, Applicant does not believe a petition or surcharge are due in connection with this Amendment.

Second, Applicant amends the specification to correct typographical errors. One of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that the references originally cited are not relevant to the invention disclosed in this application but that the amended references are related to the Application.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered without withdrawing the Application from issue and that an Issuance Notification be mailed in due course.

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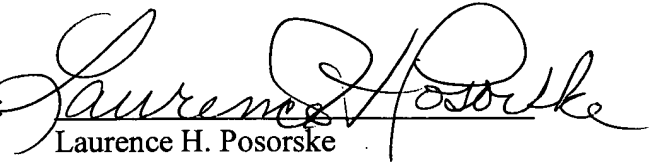
It is believed that no fees are necessary in connection with this Amendment. However, if the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that such fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such necessary fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,
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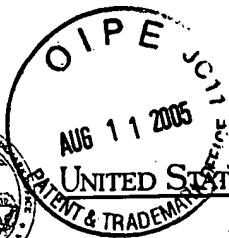
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